Eastern region and between the Brahmaputra valley and the Chindwin river of Burma.

(b) and (c) The questions do not arise.

Request for setting up of separate agency for manganese nodules

2205. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Director of Regional Laboratory, Bhubaneswar for setting up a separate agency for mining polymetallic manganese nodules in the Indian Ocean, as reported in the Times of India of 19th July, 1986;

(b) if so, what has been the response of Government thereto; and

(c) whether similar proposals for ocean mining have been received from Gujarat and or any other States also; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELETCRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. No proposal has been received for ocean mining from any State.

Establishment of a township for scientists and research scholars

2206. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to establish a township, with all modern amenities and infrastructure like those in technologically advanced countries, to facilitate Indian scientists and research scholars working at home and abroad if so, what are the details thereof, including selection of location for such township;

(b) whether Gujarat or any other State Government has offered land and other facilities for establishment of such a township if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have also received any such proposal from the private sector to establish such a facility from the funds allotted by them for research and development; if so, what has been the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal under Government's consideration for the establishment of such a township. However, Department of Electronics have approved setting up of there technology parks by NRIs for hundred percent export of software. These are:—

(1) Indo American Capital and Technology Cooperation (ICAT) USA at Pune, Maharashtra.

(2) Indus Technology Incorporated USA at Kotagiri, Tamil Nadu, and

(3) Indus Technology incorporated USA at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Government have not received any such proposal.

Capabilities of Indian Satellites to identify undersoil water currents

2207. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the satellites launched by India are capable of carrying out detailed geological surveys and to precisely identify the locations of undersoil water currents; if so, whe-